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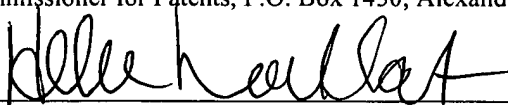
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AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 5, 2003 (Paper No. 22). A request for continued examination and a three month extension of time is respectfully requested.

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